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URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the

YEAR ENDING

31st. DECEMBER, 1956.



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Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

In accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health, we deal briefly in this Report with matters within our responsibility regarding public health and preventive medicine :-

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	5,699
Registrar General's Estimated Mid-Year Home population	14,520
Number of Inhabited Houses	4,189
Rateable Value	£187,713
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£744

VITAL STATISTICS

POPULATION

TABLE showing the Registrar General's estimate of the changes in population during the past ten years :-

1947	12,020	1952	14,150
1948	13,230	1953	14,260
1949	13,350	1954	14,350
1950	13,470	1955	14,470
1951	13,940	1956	14,520

BIRTHS

		<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Totals</u>
<u>Live Births:</u>	Legitimate.....	122	111	233
	Illegitimate.....	6	8	14
		<u>128</u>	<u>119</u>	<u>247</u>
<u>Still Births:</u>	Legitimate.....	2	3	5
	Illegitimate.....	—	—	—
		<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>

Birth Rate1956

Per 1,000 Population.....	16.7
For England and Wales.....	15.7

TABLE showing the changes in the total live births and in the birth rates during the past ten years :-

Year	Total Live Births	Birth Rates per 1,000 population		
		Melton Mowbray	Leicestershire	England & Wales
1947	308	25.6	21.2	20.5
1948	279	21.1	18.84	17.9
1949	264	19.8	17.35	16.7
1950	262	19.1	16.17	15.8
1951	251	17.8	16.02	15.5
1952	262	18.2	15.67	15.3
1953	244	16.8	15.43	15.5
1954	234	16.0	14.51	15.2
1955	242	16.4	14.78	15.0
1956	247	16.7	15.39	15.7

Deaths

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Totals</u>
<u>Number of Deaths</u>	70	74	144

Death Rate1956

Per 1,000 Population	11.2
For England and Wales	11.7

TABLE showing changes in the total number of deaths and in the death rates during the past ten years :

Year	Total Deaths	Death Rates (per 1,000 population)		
		Melton Mowbray	Leicestershire	England & Wales
1947	144	12.0	11.3	12.0
1948	120	9.1	9.77	10.8
1949	155	11.3	10.68	11.7
1950	170	12.5	10.28	11.6
1951	142	10.0	10.74	12.5
1952	131	9.1	10.06	11.3
1953	209	14.4	10.05	11.4
1954	142	10.3	10.29	11.3
1955	135	9.7	10.59	11.7
1956	144	11.2	10.29	11.7

Deaths of Infants under One Year of Age.

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Legitimate	5	2	7
Illegitimate	1	1	2



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Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live Births. 36.4
 Infant Mortality Rate for England and Wales. 23.8

TABLE showing deaths of infants under one year and infant mortality rates during the past ten years :

Year	Total Infant Deaths	Infant Mortality Rates per 1,000 live births		
		Melton Mowbray	Leicestershire	England & Wales
1947	11	36.0	43.0	41.0
1948	12	43.0	32.2	34.0
1949	7	26.0	27.1	32.0
1950	8	30.5	27.0	29.8
1951	5	19.9	25.1	29.6
1952	9	34.4	26.5	27.6
1953	6	24.6	28.0	26.8
1954	9	38.5	28.1	25.5
1955	7	28.9	22.5	24.9
1956	9	36.4	23.17	23.8

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age :

There were 5 deaths of infants under four weeks of age.

The Statistics in general can be regarded as satisfactory.

CAUSES OF DEATH.

	Males	Females
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung.....	6	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast.....	-	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus.....	-	1
Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms.....	8	5
Diabetes.....	1	-
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System.....	6	13
Coronary Disease, Angina.....	8	1
Hypertension with Heart Disease.....	2	-
Other Heart Disease.....	11	13
Other Circulatory Disease.....	6	11
Influenza.....	1	-
Pneumonia.....	4	3
Bronchitis.....	2	6
Other Diseases of Respiratory System.....	-	1
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum.....	2	1
Congenital Malformations.....	2	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases.....	8	10
Motor vehicle accidents.....	2	1
All other accidents.....	1	2
	70	74

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY

John Young, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. (Camb).

Medical Officer of Health for the Leicestershire and Rutland
Combined Districts in which this District is included.

H. Buxton, M.R.S.H. M.S.I.A.

Chief Public Health Inspector and Meat & Food Inspector.

H.S. Charlton, M.R.S.H.

Additional Public Health Inspector.

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

The following examinations were carried out during the year
at the Public Health Laboratory, Leicester:--

Throat and nose swabs.....	6
Faeces and urine	169
Blood	3
Sputa	55
Vaginal swabs	4
Milk	15
Water	1
Miscellaneous specimens	11
	<u>264</u>

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS
AND OTHER DISEASES.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1956

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Total Cases Notified.</u>
Scarlet Fever	3
Pneumonia	28
Whooping Cough.....	24
Measles.....	2
Dysentery.....	11
Food Poisoning	4
Puerperal Pyrexia.....	4
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AGE GROUPS.

Disease.	Under 1 yr.	1	2	3	4	5 9	10 14	15 24	25 34	35 44	45 64	65 and Over	TOTAL
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Pneumonia	1	1	-	1	-	5	1	2	1	3	8	5	28
Whooping Cough	-	2	3	3	2	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Measles	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
Dysentery	-	1	2	-	1	1	-	1	2	1	1	1	11
Food Poisoning	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	4
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	-	-	4
	1	4	6	4	4	25	2	7	3	5	9	6	76

There was no serious epidemic during the year.

Once again it is pleasing to report the absence of Diphtheria and it is now over ten years since a case was notified.

Diphtheria Immunisation

Details supplied by the Local Health Authority show that during the year 1956, 194 children under five years of age were immunised against diphtheria and 114 children aged four to fifteen years were given a booster dose".

tuberculosis

Age Groups	New Cases			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M	F	M	F
1 - 4	-	-	-	-
5 - 14	1	1	-	-
15 - 24	1	2	-	-
25 - 34	-	-	-	-
35 - 44	-	-	1	-
45 - 54	-	1	-	1
55 - 64	1	1	-	-
TOTALS.	3	5	1	1

Number of cases on Register at 31st. December, 1956.

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Pulmonary	25	28
Non-Pulmonary	<u>5</u>	<u>10</u>
	<u>30</u>	<u>38</u>

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

Number of Samples taken for Analysis

(a)	from piped supply	...	...	...	...	...	7
(b)	from wells	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

Five samples of water for bacteriological examination and two samples for chemical analysis from the piped supply after treatment were all satisfactory. The reports obtained show that the water supply was satisfactory as regards quality.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Number of Cesspools in District at end of 1956 ... 7

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

Total Number in District at end of 1956

(a)	Pail Closets	...	...	...	...	...	8
(b)	Water Closets	..	...	...	...	...	4,900

PUBLIC CLEANSING

House refuse and trade refuse is collected by direct labour for disposal at the Destructor Works and at the Controlled Tip.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The particulars given under this heading are for all purposes including particulars given elsewhere in this Report :

Total Number of Complaints received	...	...	...	167
Total Number of Premises at which Defects or Nuisances were dealt with	...	...	...	240

INSPECTIONS

<u>Nature of Inspections</u>	<u>Number of Inspections</u>
Dwellinghouses (all purposes)	605
Animal Keeping	13
Bakehouses	21
Dairies	8
Drainage Works	56
Food Premises	160
Refuse Collection and Disposal	19
Rodent Control	320
Shops	45
Slaughterhouses and Meat Inspection	653
Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc.	12
Verninous Premises	21
Factories	20
Other Inspections	30

NOTICES

	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Other</u>
<u>Preliminary</u>		
Outstanding on 1st. January ...	5	4
Issued during the Year ...	21	20
Complied with during the Year...	23	23
Statutory Action necessary ...	Nil	Nil
Outstanding at 31st.December ...	3	1

SHOPS

Action taken under the provision of the Shops Act, 1950:

Six defects were found relating to sanitary conveniences and washing facilities, and all were remedied during the year.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 & 1948

(a) Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health:

	<u>No. on</u> <u>Register</u>	<u>Inspec--</u> <u>tions</u>	<u>Written</u> <u>Notices</u>	<u>Owners</u> <u>Prosecuted.</u>
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	16	6	-	-
(11) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authorities.	77	14	-	-
(111) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authorities.	3	3	-	-
	<u>96</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

(b) Cases in which Defects were found :

	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>	<u>Referred to</u> <u>H.M. Inspector</u>
Want of Cleanliness ...	3	3	-
Sanitary Conveniences:			
(1) Insufficient	-	-	-
(2) Unsuitable or Defective	3	3	-
(3) Not separate for Sexes	-	-	-
	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>-</u>

(c) Outwork:

There were no instances during the year of outwork in unwholesome premises.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS

Publicly Owned:

One Children's Open Air Swimming Pool, owned by the Town Estate, where the water is treated by chlorination with controlled dosage.

Privately Owned:

Nil.

THE PET ANIMALS ACT

No. of premises licensed..... 2

RODENT CONTROL:

After pre-bait testing, maintenance treatments were carried out during the year to destroy rats in those main sewers found to be infested, with very satisfactory results.

Minor rat infestations at the Destructor Works, Salvage Depot, Sewage Disposal Works, Cattle Market and the Refuse Tip have been dealt with, also minor rats or mice infestations which were reported or discovered at two business premises and seventy five private premises, and surveys were carried out in conjunction with these infestations.

HOUSING

A. Inspection of Dwelling houses during the year:

- (a) (1) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts..... 90
(11) Number of Inspections made for the purpose.165

- (b) Number of Dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation..... 3

B. Repairs - Informal Action

Unfit houses rendered fit and houses in which defects were remedied during the period as a result of informal action by the local authority under Housing or Public Health Acts..... 58

C. Demolition and Closing Orders

	<u>No. of Houses</u>	<u>No. of Persons Displaced.</u>
(a) <u>Housing Act, 1936</u>		
(1) Houses demolished as a result of formal or informal procedure....	4	6
(11) Houses closed in pursuance of an undertaking given by the owners...	1	3

	<u>No. of Houses.</u>	<u>No. of Persons Displaced.</u>
(111) Parts of buildings closed.	Nil	-
(b) <u>Housing Act, 1949</u>		
Closing Orders made under Section 3 (1)	Nil	-
(c) <u>Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953</u>		
Closing Orders made under Section 10 (1)	Nil.	-

New Houses:

	<u>By Local Authority.</u>	<u>By Private Enterprise.</u>
Number of permanent houses completed during the year.	24	83
Number of houses in course of erection at the end of the year.....	123	36
Total Number of Post-War Houses completed.....	725	300

Occupied Houses:

Total Number of Occupied Houses in District.	4,189
Number of Council Houses occupied.....	956

Housing Act, 1949 - Improvement Grants.

Number of Applications for Grants received.....	7
Number of Applications approved	4

Housing Applications:

Number of applicants for Council Houses at end of year	480
Number of applications received during the year	143

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk Supply

Dairies (other than Dairy Farms) and Distributors:

	<u>No. on Register.</u>	<u>No. of Inspections</u>
Dairies	6	6
Distributors only	1	2

Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised & Sterilised)
Milk) Regulations, 1949:

Licences Issued:
Dealers' Licences: Pasteurised Milk 5
 Sterilised Milk 1

Supplementary Licences: Nil

Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations. 1949:

Licences Issued:
Dealers' Licences:..... 5
Supplementary Licences:..... 1

Ice Cream

Number of Premises Registered:
(a) Manufacture and Retail..... Nil
(b) Manufacture only Nil
(c) Retail only 40

Twenty-five inspections of premises and vehicles used for the sale of ice cream were made during the year. Most of the ice cream is now sold ready packed.

Food Hygiene Regulations 1955

Explanatory leaflet on the provisions of these new Regulations was supplied to all food traders, and a survey commenced of all food premises which now come within the scope of the Regulations.

Meat and Other Foods

Number of Slaughterhouses in Area..... 1
Number of Animals Slaughtered and Inspected..... 10,110
Number of Inspections of Meat at time of
 * Slaughter..... 656
Number of Knackers Yards in Area 1
Number of Visits to Knackers Yards..... 5

Carcases Inspected and Condemned.

	Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.	Total.
Number Killed and Inspected.	1,210	12	347	4,368	4,173	10,110
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis.</u>						<u>Wt. in Lbs.</u>
Whole Carcases condemned.	1	1	2	19	9	2,960
Carcases of which some part of organ condemned.	286	Nil	Nil	64	14	4,325
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis.	23.7%	8.3%	0.58%	1.9%	1.99%	7,285
<u>Tuberculosis only.</u>						
Whole Carcases condemned.	3	Nil	Nil	Nil	2	1,976
Carcases of which some part or organ condemned.	116	1	Nil	Nil	236	5,773
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	9.8%	8.3%	-	-	5.7%	7,749

Total Weight in lbs. ... 15,034

5 Tons. 14 cwts. 26 lbs. of Meat was condemned during the year,
compared with 5 tons. 10 cwts. 47 lbs. last year.

Meat Shops, Meat Stores, etc., ...	26
Places where food (other than meat) is kept or prepared for sale.	120

The following foods were condemned and voluntarily
surrendered during the year :-

Fish - $5\frac{1}{2}$ stones. Sausages - 24 lbs. Bacon - 15 lbs.
Dried Fruit- 30 lbs. 68 Meat Pies - 25 lbs.
Sausage Casings - 56 lbs.

593 tins and jars of various foods.

No. of certificates issued 110

We have the honour to be,
Your obediant servants,

J. YOUNG
Medical Officer of Health.

H. BUXTON
Chief Public Health Inspector.

